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In re Application of:

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Title: SAMPLE PROCESSING STATION INCLUDING PLATES

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated June 11, 2007 to which a response is due by December 11, 2007 with a three (3) month extension of time. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are described on page 16 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: